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News and Events

And the Penny Wars Winner Is...

Not so fast. As Penny Wars entered its final collection day on Friday, the competition heated up to a white hot glow as departments across campus jockeyed for the top spot. With thousands and thousands of pennies collected on Friday alone, Penny Wars officials noted that it could be more than a week before all the totals were tallied and a winner is formally announced.



In the meantime, thank you to everyone who participated in any way. Stay tuned to the GSU View for the official announcement.

Courses Get Graphic

The Center for Online Teaching and Learning is offering *Adding Images and Graphics to your Online Course Materials* on Thursday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to noon, in D2438. This hands on workshop will offer practical tips on locating suitable graphics, sizing and editing images, and uploading them to course shells.

Workshop topics include:

- Graphics with purpose
- Finding suitable image sources
- Copyright considerations
- Integrating images into text files
- Producing Course Icons

Contact [Barb Mandel](#) to reserve your seat!

It was a Dark and Stormy Night ...

What do dark nights, sinister gunmen, smoke filled rooms, and mysterious ladies have in common? Why Sam Spade, of course.



Dr. Rosemary Johnsen, associate professor of English at GSU, begins the discussion of *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett on Saturday March 6, at 2 to 4 p.m., in the Board Room of the Park Forest Village Hall, 350 Victory Dr., Park Forest.

Dr. Johnsen will discuss the author and the crime fiction, particularly the hard-boiled mystery genre. Her presentation is part of the Big Read, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts. Additional programs include a book discussion, film screenings, jazz concert and a murder mystery.

The event is free and open to the public.

Latino Professional Speakers Series Begins

The Latino Reading Club presents Marcelo Galetovic as part of its Latino Professional Speakers Series. This free event is open to the public and will take place on Tuesday, March 9, at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

Galetovic will speak about occupational therapy topics including professional technical terms (assessment diagnosis treatment), resources (Latino professional associations & international events), and linguistic tools (websites & dictionaries).

For information, e-mail nietohilario@yahoo.com.

Dr. Easley Expands the Conversation

A diverse global society requires more than general, one-size-fits-all approaches to bringing about change in communities facing economic and social challenges, says Dr. Christopher Anne Easley, Associate Professor of Management.



In her article, *Expanding a Conversation: Is How We Live As a Culturally Diverse Society Congruent with Our Underlying Assumptions, Methodologies, and Theories Regarding Change?*, Dr. Easley examines whether researchers and intervention strategists need a different awareness when working to evoke change within diverse cultures, organizations, and communities.

Dr. Easley's paper will appear this year in the *Journal of Applied Behavioral Science* and will be included in a special issue devoted to organizational discourse and change. She made presentations on the paper at the International Cultural Research Network in Antalya, Turkey in 2008, and at the Seventh International Conference on Organizational Discourse in Amsterdam in 2006.

Dr. Easley believes existing intervention strategies toward implementing change may be grounded in generalized theory and practice based on the concept of a larger, mostly Eurocentric society. In dealing with the challenges facing African American communities, such strategies fail to take into account the structure and experiences of unique social units with concerns that cannot be addressed through generalized approaches.

The paper suggests it is time to evoke a more culturally sensitive approach to change built upon discourse strategies addressing individual characteristics of specific environments, giving privilege to diversity and culture.

Dr. Easley conducted some of her research in New Orleans in 2006, shortly before Hurricane Katrina devastated the city. That experience, she says, reminded her once more that African American communities across the country have distinct differences and should not be treated as a homogeneous entity.

Dr. Easley also contributed to a book scheduled for release this year. Her chapter, *Easing the Path for African American Women in Leadership: The Spiritual, Cultural, and Healing Aspects of African American Women Dialoguing* will appear in *Women of Color: Taking Their Rightful Place in Leadership*, edited by Richard G. Johnson III and G.L.A. Harris.

Rhyme Time

The Civil Service Senate announces the Third Annual St. Paddy's Day Limerick Contest.

Our limerick contest is keen.

The topic's the GSU scene.

No more than three

And make sure that they be...

No worse than PG-13

All limericks should be sent to Lynne Clayton, Room G256, by 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 10. They will be pre-screened by a panel of impartial judges. Finalists will be asked to read or have someone read their entries on Wednesday, March 17, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The top three winners will be chosen by the audience in attendance.

There are three rules: *

1. Limericks must reference GSU and/or the GSU community and environs
2. No more than 3 limericks per person
3. And please - KEEP IT CLEAN!

*The pre-screening committee reserves the right to disqualify any limerick that they deem inappropriate.

MILE Presenters

On March 16, Ron Patton, Dr. Dor Fitzgerald, and Rhona Israel (Principal of Bloom High School and MILE mentee) will present on the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education's (MILE) use of the Leadership Performance Planning Worksheet before the State of Illinois authorized new principal mentoring entities on March 16, in Bloomington, Illinois.

The Leadership Performance Planning Worksheet was developed from a review and synthesis of principal leadership protocols and assessment instruments developed by the New York City Leadership Academy to help new leaders identify, organize, and effectively lead instructional improvement in their schools. The MILE Mentoring Program uses this worksheet to enhance the mentoring experience and clarify the behaviors that new leaders need to master. The philosophy supporting this worksheet development is that new leaders, during their first years of leadership, should focus on developing mastery of key leader behaviors found to develop instructional leadership skills.

Jump Shot

Student Life is sponsoring a student trip to the Chicago Bulls vs. New Jersey Nets game, on Saturday, March 27, at 7 p.m. To ensure equitable distribution of the available tickets, Student Life is sponsoring a raffle. Students are eligible to win two tickets. Raffle winners also receive transportation via charter bus to and from the game (space is limited), and a mini Chicago Bulls poster.

To enter the raffle, submit an email entry to gsudsil@hotmail.com. The subject line of the email should read *Let's Go Bulls!* Include your name, address, telephone number, and Student I.D. Number. All entries must be received by Thursday, March 11, by 11 p.m.

The drawing will occur on Friday, March 12, at noon. Winners will be notified via email the day of the drawing.

Book It to the Library

During the month of March, the Friends of the GSU Library will be

sponsoring a book drive. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to drop off books that they no longer need or want. Clean out those desks and closets and bring us your donations!

Simply go to the GSU Library on the second floor and drop off your donations at the Friends table across from the circulation desk. All book donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. Contact Pam Taylor at 708.235.7527 for additional information.



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